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**Change of Leadership Ceremony:
Otis Merritt to be Officially Installed as Warden
of Baltimore City Detention Center**

July 29 at 12:30 p.m.

TOWSON, MD (July 27, 2008)---Correctional veteran Otis Merritt III will be officially installed as Warden of the Baltimore City Detention Center in a formal Change of Leadership Ceremony on Tuesday, July 29 at 12:30 p.m. at the facility, 401 E. Eager St.

Mr. Merritt is a 26-year veteran of Maryland corrections who has worked his way up through the ranks from Correctional Officer I. Most recently, Mr. Merritt served as Assistant Warden at Baltimore Central Booking and Intake Center.

Mr. Merritt, a Baltimore resident, has completed many executive level programs, and has certifications from the Maryland Police and Correctional Training Commissions, the National Institute of Corrections, and the Maryland Commission on Correctional Standards.

The Baltimore City Detention Center includes men, women, and juveniles who have been charged as adults. It is part of the Maryland Division of Pretrial Detention and Services, under the direction of Commissioner Howard Ray Jr. The Division includes all detainees in Baltimore City who are awaiting trial, as well as a small number of sentenced Division of Correction inmates.

Change of Leadership ceremonies were instituted by DPSCS Secretary Gary Maynard in an effort to formally recognize the contributions of outgoing leaders and officially welcome new leaders.

Members of the media are welcome to attend. Please contact Barbara Cooper at the number listed above.

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